Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 03 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 02 Mar 2022 at 16:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general developments, but low for extent of showers and any heavier rain on Thursday. High for improving conditions over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 03 Mar 2022: Some patchy rain this morning, heavier in the afternoon. Cold and breezy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	10%	60%	20%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 03 Mar 2022

Weather: Cloudy. Patchy rain or drizzle across Skye, Glen Shiel and Knoydart in the morning, other ranges likely to be dry. Rain turns heavier and more widespread in the afternoon, turning to wet snow above 1000m. Inland ranges likely to turn dry for a few hours in the evening, but rain, snow above 700m, spreading into the west coast.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20-30%, best chance in the north.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly poor visibility. Cloud bases around 500-700m, most extensive across the Cuillins and ranges further south. Cloud may lift above the summits at times in the northwest, mainly in the afternoon.

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Forecast for Thursday 03 Mar 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	40/46 SE	38/45 SE	33/39 SE	28/34 SE	24/29 S	19/24 S	13/17 SW	18/22 NW	18/22 NW
900	34/40 SE	33/40 SE	28/34 SE	24/30 SE	21/26 S	18/23 S	13/17 SW	17/21 NW	17/21 NW
600	24/30 SE	25/32 SE	19/25 SE	17/23 S	16/21 S	14/19 S	9/13 SW	11/16 NW	12/16 NW
300	4/29 SE	3/24 SE	3/22 SE	3/21 S	3/15 S	4/16 S	3/11 SW	9/18 NW	7/18 NW
Glen	17/34 SE	16/32 SE	11/26 SE	8/21 SE	8/19 S	8/17 S	5/9 SW	11/19 NW	8/16 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-10	-1/-10	-0/-9	0/-8	0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-8
900	-0/-9	-0/-9	0/-7	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	0/-5	-1/-6	-1/-7
600	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	3/-2	4/-1	3/-2	3/-1	1/-3	1/-4
300	5/3	4/3	5/3	6/4	6/5	5/4	4/3	3/-0	3/-0
Glen	7/3	7/3	8/5	8/6	9/7	8/6	7/5	6/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	1400m	1200m	1300m	1200m	1100m	1000m	1000m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Best of the conditions will be in the north, but still expect a cold day with a notable wind chill. More extensive hill fog in the south will give challenging navigation conditions.

Forecast for Friday 04 Mar 2022
Weather: Snow showers, with rain below around 600m in the early hours, clearing before dawn. Then a dry day. Rather cloudy in the east, but sunny along the west coast.

Maximum wind: Northwest 10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% soon improving to 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent. Some patchy cloud above 600m likely early morning, but this should soon lift above the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius, rising to zero Celsius for a time in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 700-800m in the morning, 500-600m in the afternoon.

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